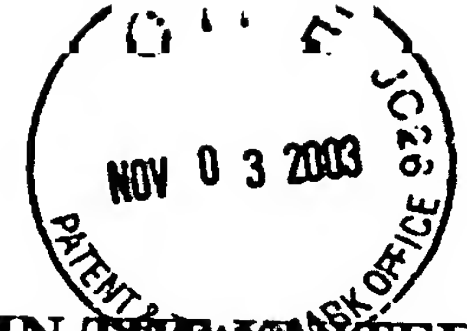


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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (IF REQUIRED)**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction in the Office Action dated October 7, 2003, applicant(s) hereby elect without traverse Group I, namely claims 1-14 for prosecution at this time. If necessary, applicants reserve the right to present the remaining claims in a divisional application at the appropriate time.

Applicant(s) believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant(s) have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the fee for such extension of time to our Deposit Account No. 19-2746.

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